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For: NOVEL PLASMID DNA COMPRISING REPORTER GENE DNA AND USE OF THE  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Sir:

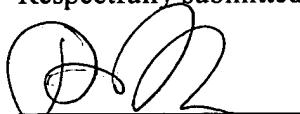
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 28, 2001, to November 28, 2001.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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